

# MINUTES



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## PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 - 9:35 A.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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### Members

**Members Present:**

Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7 **(Chair)**  
Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 **(Vice-Chair)**  
Al Cormier (Citizen Member)  
Baljit Singh Pandori (Elected at Large)  
Karam Punian on behalf of Gurvel Singh (Taxicab Brokerages)  
Harsimar Singh Sethi (City Area Taxicab Drivers)  
Nabil A. Nassar (Citizen Member)  
Paramvir Singh Nijjar (City Area Taxicab Owners)

**Members Absent:**

Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)

**Staff Present:**

Doug Meehan, Acting, Director, Enforcement  
Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement  
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER - 9:35 A.M.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PRESENTATIONS

DEPUTATIONS

A. Amandeep Singh Mann with respect to window tints.

Karam Punian, Taxicab Brokerages spoke on behalf of Amandeep Singh Mann and addressed safety concerns, manufacture's tint, drivers being exposed to strong sunlight, and drivers purchasing cars across the border.

B. Jasbir Singh Gill with respect to window tints.

Jasbir Singh Gill, Taxicab Driver spoke to a health issue that requires his windows to be tinted.

Daryl Bell, Manager, Licensing Mobile Enforcement spoke to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law and noted that vehicle tint is not allowed expect for manufacture tint.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion regarding manufacture tint versus non-manufacture tint, medical documentation, using alternatives such as sunscreen, public safety and the Highway Traffic Act.

C. Hajit Johal with respect to window tints.

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

That the depositions made by Jasbir Singh Gill and Karim Punian, Taxicab Brokerages on behalf of Amandeep Singh Mann and with respect to window tints be received and referred to staff.

Referred (N. Nasser)

Recommendation PVAC-0004-2014

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting held on February 24, 2014.

Approved (Councillor Starr)

2. Taxicab Plate Issuance Process

Daryl Bell, Manger, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to the Corporate Report dated March 26, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, with respect to the taxicab plate issuance process and noted that the Taxicab Plate Issuance Priority List was published in the Mississauga News and that if there are no major issues with the list, staff anticipate to issue plates as of June 3, 2014.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member enquired what issues would come from the Taxicab Plate Issuance Priority List. Mr. Bell noted that objections have been received regarding driver road experience and deceased drivers.

Members of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee engaged in conversation regarding the June issuance date, number of driver's on the Taxicab Plate Issuance Priority List and the Mississauga Appeal Tribunal (MAT) process.

RECOMMENDATION

That the process for the issuance of 33 new taxicab plates, as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated March 26, 2014, entitled "Taxicab Plate Issuance Process", be approved.

Approved (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation PVAC-0005-2014

3. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee - Action List

Members of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee approved the Action List for 2014 as presented.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the 2013 Action List provided to the Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings be received.

Approved (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation PVAC-0006-2014)

4. Information Items4.1 Minor Infractions

Karam S. Punian, Taxicab Brokerages discussed the letter dated January 13, 2014 from Karam S. Punian regarding minor infractions. He requested that a Notice of Compliance should be issued to the driver for a minor infraction instead of charging drivers and sending them to court.

Members of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee engaged in conversation regarding previous practises followed, minor versus major infractions, public safety and grace periods for minor infractions.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member objected the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter dated January 13, 2014 from Karam S. Punian regarding minor infractions be received and that staff report back with practices currently being followed.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation PVAC-0007-2014

4.2 Airport Drivers Representation on the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

The Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) reviewed the letter dated February 3, 2014 from Gurval Singh, President, All Star Taxi regarding airport driver's representation on PVAC.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the letter dated February 3, 2014 from Gurval Singh, President, All Star Taxi regarding airport drivers representation on PVAC be received and referred to staff.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation PVAC-0008-2014

4.3 Term of Taxi Plate Leases

The Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) reviewed the letter dated February 3, 2014 from Gurval Singh, President, All Star Taxi regarding the term of taxi plate leases.

Daryl Bell, Manger, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that we cannot have the term of a taxi plate lease coincide with the age of the vehicle as staff need to ensure accurate records are kept on vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) to review the letter dated February 3, 2014 from Gurval Singh, President, All Star Taxi regarding the term of taxi plate leases be received.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation PVAC-0009-2014

4.4 Examination of Fleet Taxis

The Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) reviewed the letter dated February 3, 2014 from Gurval Singh, President, All Star Taxi regarding an examination of fleet taxis in the City of Mississauga.

Daryl Bell, Manger, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that the City of Mississauga does not have authority to phase out fleet taxi services.

Nabil A. Nassar, Citizen Member spoke to the benefits of fleet taxi services and that phasing out fleet taxis is not the answer.

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Councillor Starr and Iannicca spoke to the definition of a fleet owner and that the City of Mississauga does not have ownership of taxicab business arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter dated February 3, 2014 from Gurval Singh, President, All Star Taxi regarding an examination of fleet taxis in the City of Mississauga be received.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation PVAC-0010-2014

4.5 Summons #2329112B, #2329113B, #2329114B

The Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) reviewed the letter dated February 19, 2014 from Gurval Singh, Broker Representative regarding summons #2329112B, #2329113B, #2329114B.

Karam S. Punian, Taxicab Brokerages spoke to summons being issued to taxicab drivers.

Councillor Iannicca noted that once a summons is issued and before the court, Staff do not review the matter.

Paramvir Singh Nijjar, City Area Taxicab Owners request that Staff report back on the difference between Notice of Compliance and summons charges.

RECOMMENDATION

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) to review the letter dated February 19, 2014 from Gurval Singh, Broker Representative regarding summons #2329112B, #2329113B, #2329114B be received and referred to staff.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation PVAC-0011-2014

OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Pellier, Taxicab Driver spoke to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) upcoming 40th anniversary.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member spoke to the status of hiring consultants to conduct the Mississauga

taxi industry review. Daryl Bell, Manger, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that a consultant has been hired and that a report will come forward at the next PVAC meeting.

Harsimar Singh Sethi, City Area Taxicab Drivers spoke to taxi stands still not at the Square One Shopping Centre and at Mississauga hospitals. Councillor Iannicca noted that the City of Mississauga does not have authority to enforce taxi stands on private property.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014, Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT 10:33 A.M.